

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

INDEPENDENT AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES (SPA # 13-030)

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (the “Department”) proposes to submit an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Proposed Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective July 1, 2013, the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to: (1) revise the title of the audiology fee schedule to “Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology” and (2) add a series of vestibular function tests, audiologic function tests and evaluative and therapeutic procedures to the fee schedule. These changes are necessary in order to accurately reflect the types of providers able to bill for services on the fee schedule and to improve access to medically necessary services for clients under age twenty-one.

Fiscal Information – Estimated Annual Change to Medicaid Expenditures

Based on the information that is available at this time, DSS estimates that the proposed changes will result in increased annual aggregate expenditures of \$30,000 in Federal Fiscal Year 2013 and \$128,000 in Federal Fiscal Year 2014.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information on Obtaining SPA Language and Submission of Comments

In accordance with federal requirements governing the Medicaid program, upon request, DSS will provide copies of the proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. In addition, copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained at each of the DSS regional offices and on the DSS web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to “Publications” and then “Updates”.

Written, phone, and email requests should be directed to Ginny Mahoney, Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 25 Sigourney Street, 11th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5033 (Phone: 860-424-5145, Fax: 860-424-5799, Email: ginny.mahoney@ct.gov). Please reference the appropriate SPA heading listed above (*e.g.*, “SPA # 13-030: Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology Services”).

Members of the public may also submit written comments on the SPA by mail, fax, or email. Written comments must be received by the Department at the above contact information no later than June 25, 2013.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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- (10) Dental services (including dentures) – Fixed fee schedule. The agency's rates were set as of April 1, 2008 and are effective for services on or after that date. Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at www.ctdssmap.com.
- (11) Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of independent therapies, including physical therapy and related services, occupational therapy and audiology and speech pathology services and the fee schedule is published at www.ctdssmap.com
- a) Physical therapy and related services – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and effective for services on or after that date.
- b) Occupational therapy – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and are effective for services on or after that date. Occupational therapists will be reimbursed according to the fee schedule for physical therapists.
- c) Audiology and speech pathology services – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of July 1, 2013 and effective for services on or after that date.
- (12) Prescribed drugs and prosthetic devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist whichever the individual may select. The current fee schedule was set as of July 1, 2008 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at www.ctdssmap.com.

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